

## SEVEN REPUBLICANS DISPUTENOMINATION

Uninstructed 540 Delegates  
offer Open Field at Chi-  
cago Convention.

## EIGHT STATES TO ACT

All except fifty-two of the 985 dele-  
gates to the Republican national con-  
vention on June 7 will have been chosen  
by the end of this week. Of these the  
sixteen from West Virginia have prac-  
tically been selected. They will be con-  
sidered at the primary on June 6, the day  
before the convention opens, and be-  
cause of the arrangements no contests  
will take place.

Of the 517 delegates already elected  
440 will go to the convention unin-  
structed. The 277 instructed delegates  
as far placed will divide their votes  
among seven candidates, none of whom  
has more than seventy-four votes. As  
493 votes are necessary for a choice  
the truth of the assertion that this con-  
vention is going to be a free for all  
fight seems to be established. There  
is no overwhelming sentiment in favor  
of any candidate, and the leaders who  
have been working hard for uninstructed  
delegates aver that the strength of  
the convention lies in this fact. It means,  
they say, that the delegates will be  
in a position to say "Come, let us re-  
ason together," and that the action taken  
as a result of such counsel will appeal  
to the country as being free, fair and  
in accord with the best traditions of a  
democracy.

### Eight States Still to Act.

Of the eight States that are still to  
make their selections five will have pri-  
maries. Conventions will be held in  
New Mexico, Alabama and Texas. The  
dates of these primaries and conven-  
tions and the number of delegates to  
be chosen in each instance are: New  
Mexico, May 15, 6 delegates; Vermont,  
May 18, 8 delegates; Pennsylvania, May  
16, 16 delegates; Alabama, May 17, 16  
delegates; Oregon, May 19, 10 delegates;  
Texas, May 23, 24 delegates; South  
Dakota, May 23, 10 delegates; West  
Virginia, June 6, 16 delegates.  
Chief interest centres in the Pennsylv-  
ania primaries, where Senator Boies  
Penrose, heading the regular Republican  
ticket, is being opposed by those who  
openly favor the nomination of Col.  
Roosevelt. The Senator says that he  
is going to win and that he will take  
to Chicago at least sixty-five unin-  
structed delegates.  
Some effort has been made to make it

appear that Penrose is ready to accept  
Col. Roosevelt, but he says that the  
delegation will be for the man who can  
win, and further than that he will not  
go. The contest in Pennsylvania has  
been particularly bitter. Gov. Brum-  
baugh heading the opposition to Pen-  
rose and being very desirous of a com-  
plimentary vote for himself in the con-  
vention.

### Interest in Oregon Primary.

There is much interest in the Oregon  
primary because the name of Justice  
Hughes appears on the ballot as a pre-  
fential candidate for President. Sen-  
ator Cummins has a strong following in  
the State and has been there looking  
after his chances personally.

The South Dakota delegation will also  
be instructed. The other States will  
choose uninstructed delegations.

From reports received here it is be-  
lieved that this week will show consid-  
erable gains for Justice Hughes. Three  
delegates from New Mexico are put  
down for Col. Roosevelt and it is as-  
sumed that the other three will be  
counted as Hughes men when the lead-  
ers get busy at Chicago.

Vermont is said to be strongly in-  
clined toward Justice Hughes, as is  
Oregon. Texas has a fondness for  
Roosevelt, but Hughes men here believe  
that the Colonel's popularity has waned  
somewhat in the Southwest and point  
to Arizona to prove it. In that State  
the Roosevelt forces, under the leader-  
ship of National Committeeman Ralph  
Cameron, were routed a week ago.

### POLL SHOWS HUGHES IN LEAD.

Roosevelt and Root the Others in  
"Big Three."

Continuation of the poll by the *Literary  
Digest* of Republican and Progressive  
legislators shows that Justice Hughes  
Edith Root and Col. Roosevelt are the  
"big three." Of 2,000 votes taken from  
legislators in thirty-eight States, 894  
were cast for Justice Hughes, 352 for  
Col. Roosevelt and 181 for Mr. Root,  
the remainder being divided among "fa-  
vorite sons." The poll shows that these  
"favorite sons" continue to hold the  
votes in their own States and seem to  
be gaining slightly in others.

The vote for candidates other than  
the "big three" was: Cummins, 94; Bur-  
son, 52; Sherman, 52; La Follette, 47;  
Weeks, 38; Fairbanks, 33; Borah, 18;  
and Johnson, 7.

### MOOSE PRESSED FOR SPACE.

Convention Seating Arrangement  
Changed to Meet Demand.

CHICAGO, May 13.—Pressure for space  
at the Progressive National Convention  
in the Auditorium is said to be worry-  
ing the party leaders. A change in the  
seating arrangements has been made  
whereby the newspaper correspondents  
will have stage seats instead of being on  
the main floor with the delegates.  
This gives 256 more seats on the first  
floor for the accommodation of States  
that are sending double delegations. It  
will be necessary to seat the alternates  
in the balcony. It is said that the de-  
mand for admission has reached such  
proportions that it has become neces-  
sary to draw a line.

## EVANS GIVES ALL TO SAVE MILLS & GIBB

President of Corporation Adds  
His Fortune to Meet Credi-  
tors' Claims.

## RECEIVERS BEGIN WORK

Joseph B. Martindale, president of the  
Chemical National Bank, and J. Harper  
Poor of Amory, Browne & Co. dry goods  
commission merchants, qualified formally  
as receivers of Mills & Gibbs yesterday  
and took over its business in the interest  
of the creditors. Neither the receivers  
nor their attorneys, Rushmore, Bisbee &  
Stern of 81 Broadway, had any official  
announcement to make in reference to  
the concern's affairs and some time will  
elapse before a statement of the true  
conditions can be prepared. In the  
meanwhile the accountants that  
originally acted for the committee  
which it was thought might be able to  
adjust the difficulties without recourse  
to the courts are actively engaged on  
the books and accounts and are report-  
ing to the receivers.

No concealment is made of the fact  
in dry goods circles that the affairs of  
Mills & Gibbs are in a far more com-  
plicated condition than was reported  
even as late as Friday. According to  
reports that are credited in very well  
informed quarters the obligations, both  
for borrowed money and for merchandise,  
have increased steadily the deeper  
the experts delve into the corporation's  
affairs. These are stated with some abso-  
lute authority to amount to something be-  
tween \$3,250,000 and \$3,500,000.

### Evans Carries Entire Burden.

All of the paper about bears the in-  
dividual involvement of President Wil-  
liam T. Evans, who has thus made him-  
self responsible for the entire outstand-  
ing money indebtedness.

In the financial district the corpora-  
tion of Mills & Gibbs has been known in  
later days as a "one man concern," that  
is, Mr. Evans shared responsibilities  
with no one else, and after the death of  
the late John Gibbs and all of his sons  
there was no one growing up in the busi-  
ness. While this fact did not impair  
the credit of the concern to any great  
extent, it made some bankers cautious  
about buying its paper. Others, how-  
ever, showed no hesitancy in doing so,  
relying upon the integrity of Mr. Evans  
and upon his reputation as a man of  
large wealth, independent of his interest  
in the business.

That the confidence of this element  
was justified is indicated by the report  
that Mr. Evans is preparing, if he has  
not already done so, to transfer his entire  
holdings of New York city real estate  
to the receivers in order to satisfy the  
claims of the creditors as fully as it is  
within his power to do so. These hold-

ings include very valuable property in  
the new Fourth avenue dry goods dis-  
trict.  
The more important of Mr. Evans's  
recent operations in realty date from  
his purchase in December, 1912, of the  
twelve-story business building at Fourth  
avenue and Twentieth street. This deal  
involved upward of \$1,300,000 and Mr.  
Evans gave a promissory note to the  
property his beautiful country place  
embracing upward of seventeen acres  
at Montclair. Early in 1913 he pur-  
chased the West End apartment house  
at Riverside Drive and 100th street.  
This had been held by the builders at  
\$1,000,000 and it was believed at the  
time Mr. Evans paid \$1,000,000 for the  
property, which is a twelve-story  
structure on a plot 100 feet on the Drive  
and 150 feet on 100th street.

Not long after Mr. Evans acquired the  
apartment house at 210 Cathedral Park-  
way, valued at \$450,000. In February  
of this year he purchased the southwest  
corner of Fourth avenue and Thirty-  
second street, occupied by a twelve-story  
loft building which was valued at  
\$1,100,000. He gave the Wendolyn  
apartment in part payment for this  
property. Mr. Evans's latest operation  
was the acquisition in April of the  
northwest corner of Fourth avenue and  
Twenty-eighth street, where a sixteen  
story building is in course of construc-  
tion. This property is valued at \$1,000,-  
000. As a part consideration Mr. Evans  
gave the Cathedral Parkway apartment.  
The net result of these operations  
in realty has been to concentrate Mr.  
Evans's holdings in Fourth avenue prop-  
erty. The three parcels that he now  
owns in that district independent of the  
Mills & Gibbs building at Fourth  
avenue and Twenty-second street are  
worth about \$3,500,000. What equity  
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Whether the sacrifices Mr. Evans is  
preparing to make are sufficient with  
the assets of the corporation to satisfy  
the creditors in full and avert definite  
bankruptcy is a question impossible to  
answer at this time. Much of course  
will depend upon the auditors' figures.  
As dry goods men understand it the  
policy of the receivers of Mills & Gibbs  
will be the same as that pursued in the  
case of the H. B. Claffin & Co. failure.  
That was to have the results of each  
department gone over for a period of  
years to determine whether it had op-  
erated at a profit or a loss and whether  
it would be desirable to continue the  
business in its entirety or in respect to  
individual departments or not.

### Have Valuable Experience.

Mr. Martindale's experiences as re-  
ceiver for the Claffin concern, and those  
of Mr. Poor, who is a director of that  
corporation in addition to his membership  
in Amory, Browne & Co., will greatly  
facilitate the work of arriving at an  
early and definite conclusion as to  
whether the business will go on or not.  
In this respect much may depend upon  
the other shareholders of Mills & Gibbs  
and upon his reputation as a man of  
large wealth, independent of his interest  
in the business.  
One of the merchandise creditors in  
the West street district said last eve-  
ning that as far as his investigations  
had gone it appeared to him that the

matters were so deeply involved that in  
order to save the firm's name and avert  
a bankruptcy and the dissipation of the  
business it would be necessary for the  
shareholders to put up a considerable  
sum even in addition to whatever equi-  
ties were found to exist in the real es-  
tate to be transferred by Mr. Evans.  
The latter's ventures have been exten-  
sive, and in some quarters the opinion  
prevails that the money taken out of the  
business and devoted to real estate  
speculation has been one of the chief  
sources of the present difficulties.  
That statements of condition have  
been supplied by the firm to commercial  
paper brokers and innocently by them to  
the banks which purchased the paper  
which do not square with the condi-  
tions as disclosed by the certified ac-  
counts, as was reported on Friday, is  
not denied. This feature is by far the  
most disagreeable matter as yet en-  
countered in the affairs of the concern.  
The difficulty in all likelihood could have  
been avoided or at least not reached the  
magnitude now indicated if bankers had  
insisted upon an independent audit by  
certified accountants instead of accept-  
ing the unverified and unsworn state-  
ments of conditions that were supplied.

### Points to Similar Case.

One banker called attention to the  
large number of somewhat similar cases  
that have developed in the dry goods  
trade in the last dozen or twenty years,  
and particularly so in connection with  
the difficulties that befell E. S. Jaffray &  
Co. and the H. B. Claffin Company.  
Neither concern would consent to an in-  
dependent audit of its books or make a  
sworn statement of its affairs. As in  
the case of Mills & Gibbs they relied  
wholly upon the high credit established  
for their business by the original  
founders. Difficulties beset both the  
concerns in time and the subsequent dis-  
closures have been very unpleasant  
chapters in the commercial annals of  
this city.

The papers in the receivership suit  
were formally filed in the United States  
District Court yesterday morning. They  
disclose the fact that the creditors were  
pressing the concern and threatening to  
bring suits which would have resulted  
in forced sales and the consequent dissi-  
pation of the assets. For this reason  
the friendly proceeding was deemed ad-  
visable, as it stays all other actions.

Henry W. Chapman of Scarsdale, N. Y., the plaintiff in the suit, holds a  
claim of \$5,091 for money lent. He  
averts that the company has not enough  
money on hand to meet its current debts  
and has little chance of raising suffi-  
cient funds to meet the obligations about  
to mature. The floating indebtedness of  
the company, he says, is in excess of  
\$2,000,000, part of which is now due.  
In addition to this, he says, the firm  
owes large sums for merchandise.

According to the plaintiff, the firm has  
on hand a large stock which it will be  
able to sell at a profit if the business is  
continued without interruption. There-  
fore, he says, the company as a going  
concern has a better chance of meeting  
its obligations. Besides the stock on  
hand, Mr. Chapman says, the assets in-  
clude the building at 234 Fourth ave-  
nue, fixtures in the building, cash on  
hand and accounts receivable.  
The court is petitioned to allow the  
receivers to borrow money from time to  
time in order to run the business. At  
such a time as the court shall deem just  
and proper the properties are to be sold  
in whole or in part.

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tive designs.

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Fine quality Madras and Mercerized  
Materials.

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### Pajamas

2.95

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very striking models, some in straight  
lines, others full flare  
with belt effect.

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